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#### INTRODUCTION OF THE MOTOR SPORTS PROTECTION ACT

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, as you know, North Carolina is the home of professional auto racing and it is on behalf of thousands of North Carolinians and millions of NASCAR, NHRA, and INDY racing fans across America that I introduce the Motor Sports Protection Act today.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Clinton is waging war on the tobacco family. He has threatened the livelihood of thousands of tobacco farmers across the South and he is now on the verge of destroying professional automobile racing as we know it.

The Funderburk bill, which Richard Petty says all race fans can rally around, will stop Bill Clinton before he crosses the finish line. It prevents Big Brother agents from slapping advertising restrictions on the tobacco sponsors of pro racing. Mr. Speaker, each NASCAR alone pumps over \$2 billion into the southern economy. Racing fans are hard-working, law-abiding Americans. They deserve better than to be used as pawns in Bill Clinton's shell-game. Let's send him a message right now: Bill Clinton keep your hands off racing.

Support the Funderburk Motor Sports Protection Act

#### WOMEN STILL TREATED AS SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, the United Nations owes the women of the globe a great apology.

Every 10 years there is an international U.N. Women's meeting, and the United Nations could have cared less about what the host did to make this meeting as inconvenient and as awful as possible. In fact, the Secretary General of the United Nations could not even bother to come. He predicted he was going to have a fever all 12 days that this meeting was going to be going on.

Now, the message that sends to all countries is that the United Nations is putting this on only because it is politically correct, but they do not really care, and the Secretary General cannot really bother to come.

I find that tragic, and I am very grateful the First Lady went and tried

to put together anything that we could, because these issues are very, very critical.

There will not be another international meeting for 10 years, and to have allowed China to play with it this way is outrageous.

I think the House leadership owes American women also an apology, because the delegation sent from this body to the women's meeting could not have a woman chair. A woman could only be a cochair. They had to send a male along, too, and one who does not have a good record on women's issues.

I find that very troubling, and the message from all of this is, "Women, our time still has not come yet." When will be treated as first-class rather than the second-class citizens the United Nations relegated us to as we see this meeting in Beijing proceed?

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#### CAL RIPKEN, JR.'S MANY ACHIEVEMENTS

(Mr. EHRLICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in tribute to a constituent whose achievement is the talk of the Nation.

Tonight Cal Ripken, Jr., a native of Aberdeen, MD, will play his 2,131st consecutive game with the Baltimore Orioles, breaking a longstanding record held by the legendary Lou Gehrig. It is fitting that Cal is the only player ever to accomplish this feat, because he uniquely represents the qualities for which Lou Gehrig will always be remembered—sportsmanship, fair play, and sheer love of the game.

Fans across the Nation have started calling Cal the Iron Man. But endurance is only one aspect of his success. He was Rookie of the Year in 1982; MVP in 1983 and 1991; and played in 13 consecutive All-Star games. He has hit more home runs than any shortstop in major league history.

Despite his fame, Cal Ripken takes precious time before and after every game to sign autographs, pose for pictures, or simply to chat with his fans—the way Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and Jackie Robinson once did. At a time when many fans are disillusioned by the big-business approach to baseball, Cal's sincere passion for the sport reminds us of a time when baseball was what it was always meant to be—a game.

I urge all my colleagues to join with me and the citizens of Maryland as we salute Cal Ripken, Jr. His accomplishment is a timely illustration of what is best about our national pastime.

#### NOW 71 PERCENT OF AMERICANS DO NOT TRUST REPUBLICANS TO HANDLE MEDICARE

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, over the August break, I had a chance to meet with my constituents to discuss the Republican plan to cut Medicare in order to finance a tax cut for the wealthy. The people I represent want me to bring a message back to the Republican leadership: Medicare is a trust fund, not a slush fund.

Now, I know that my Republican colleagues were also back home trying to sell themselves as the true protectors of Medicare. But, the American public isn't buying this GOP makeover. The public is skeptical about the sketchy GOP plan that claims private insurance companies will offer seniors more for less. With such fantastic claims, it's no wonder that a recent poll found 71 percent of Americans have little trust in the House Republicans to handle Medicare.

For 30 years Republicans have wanted to privatize Medicare. In fact, the current majority leader has said that he would have no part of Medicare in a free world. Does that sound like a party that wants to protect Medicare?

#### THERE IS MORE TO DO

(Mr. RADANOVICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, this 104th Congress now moves forward from the Contract With America. And, "move" must be the operative word.

The lesson learned in our August recess is that the public wants action not words. Everywhere I went, men and women said, "Congressman, we'd sooner have you moving ahead \* \* \* even if the path is rough and you stumble occasionally \* \* \* don't let Congress just stand there."

America bought in to our program. They approve our commitment to a balanced budget. They like cutting back the bureaucracy. They commend term limits.

Most of this we delivered in this House. Yet, there is more to do here on the Hill, and I urge the Senate to heed the call.

Let us get down to business, but let us make sure it is dealing with unfinished business, not business as usual.

#### REPUBLICANS TAKING THE CARE OUT OF MEDICARE

(Mr. ENGEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my mother, Seroy Engel, and the millions of mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers throughout our Nation whose lives depend on Medicare. In the next few weeks this legislative body is going to have to make some tough decisions. The question will be will we let the Republicans take the care out of Medicare. I say, "No."